

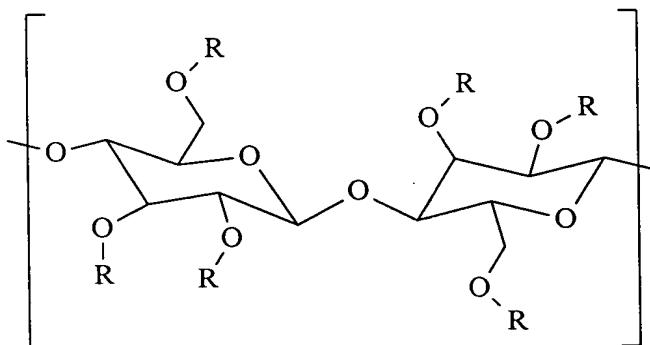
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

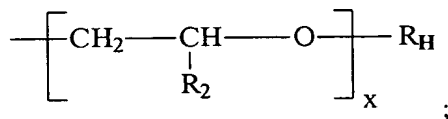
Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (*Canceled*)

12. (*Currently amended*) A detergent composition or component comprising a dry-added particulate hydrophobically modified cellulosic material, wherein at least 80% of said particulate material has a particle size of below 1000 microns, said material comprising polymers of the formula



wherein each R is selected from the group consisting of R₂, R_C, and



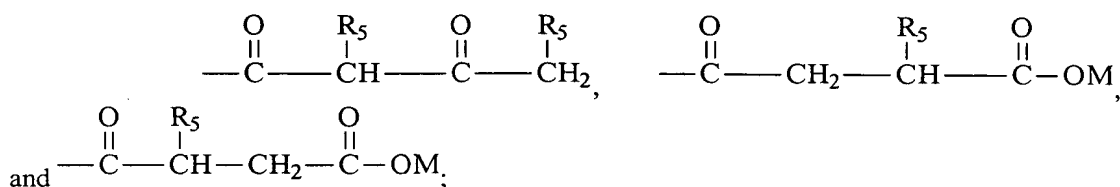
wherein:

- each R₂ is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C₁-C₄ alkyl;

- each R_C is $\text{---}(\text{CH}_2)_y\text{---}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{||}}{\text{C}}}\text{---OZ}$,

wherein each Z is independently selected from the group consisting of M, R₂, R_C, and R_H;

- each R_H is independently selected from the group consisting of C₅-C₂₀ alkyl, C₅-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₇-C₂₀ alkylaryl, C₇-C₂₀ arylalkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, C₁-C₂₀ alkoxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, C₇-C₂₀ alkylaryloxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, (R₄)₂N-alkyl, (R₄)₂N-2-hydroxyalkyl, (R₄)₃N-alkyl, (R₄)₃N-2-hydroxyalkyl, C₆-C₁₂ aryloxy-2-hydroxyalkyl,



- each R_4 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl, C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, piperidinoalkyl, morpholinoalkyl, cycloalkylaminoalkyl and hydroxyalkyl;

- each R_5 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl, C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, $(R_4)_2$ N-alkyl, and $(R_4)_3$ N-alkyl;

wherein:

M is a suitable cation;

each x is from 0 to about 5;

each y is from about 1 to about 5; and

provided that:

- the Degree of Substitution for group R_H is between about 0.001 and 0.1;
- the Degree of Substitution for group R_C wherein Z is H or M is between about 0.2 and 2.0;
- if any R_H bears a positive charge, it is balanced by a suitable anion; and
- two R_4 's on the same nitrogen can together form a ring structure selected from the group consisting of piperidine and morpholine, said particulate cellulosic material further comprising a binder selected from the group consisting of polyacrylate and maleic/acrylic acid copolymer.

13. (Previously presented) A composition or component according to claim 12, wherein each R_H is independently selected from the group consisting of C_5 - C_{20} alkyl, C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl, C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl, C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, C_1 - C_{20} alkoxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryloxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, $(R_4)_2$ N-alkyl, $(R_4)_2$ N-2-hydroxyalkyl, $(R_4)_3$ N-alkyl, $(R_4)_3$ N-2-hydroxyalkyl, C_6 - C_{12} aryloxy-2-hydroxyalkyl, and mixtures thereof.

Claims 14-18 (Canceled)